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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, NU, CR, HO
SUBJ: SANDINISTA PRESS TREATMENT OF REPORTED USG
COVERUPS OF CONTRA DRUG TRAFFICKING

Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir.
 Release () Excise () Deny () Declassify
Date 2/22/02 Exemption _____

1. THE TWO PRO-GON DAILIES HEADLINED ON DECEMBER 17 AN AP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, Sourced TO USG OFFICIALS, WHICH ASSERTED THAT THE USG HAD TRIED TO COVER UP INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING OF "EACH FACTION OF ANTI-SANDINISTAS WHICH OPERATE FROM COSTA RICA" AND REPORTED THAT THE PROPERTY OF AN AMERICAN IN COSTA RICA, JOHN HULL, HAD BEEN USED AS A TRANSFER POINT FOR DRUGS. THE AP REPORT LINKED CUBAN-AMERICANS IN MIAMI AND THE NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC FORCE (FDN) TO TRAFFICKING AND IT NOTED THAT "FDN SPOKESMAN BOSCO MATAMOROS" HAD DENIED FDN INVOLVEMENT.

2. INA COLUMN COMMENTING ON THE AP STORY, PRO-GON EL NUEVO DIARIO CHARGED THAT "REAGAN HID THE INFORMATION, IMPEDED THE INVESTIGATION AND OBLIGED FEDERAL AGENTS TO CHANGE THE PAPERS AND MAKE THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT THE VICTIM OF THE SAME...TO SATISFY HIS PATHOLOGY AGAINST NICARAGUA". BERGOLD

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